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SUBJ: TURKISH PRIMIN ANNOUNCES GREECE WILLING TO DISCUSS

AEGEAN SETTLEMENT

EUCOM FOR POLAD AND J-2

1. PRIMIN ECEVIT ANNOUNCED TO REPORTERS AFTERNOON MAY 25,  
FOLLOWING HIS WEEKLY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KORUTURK, THAT

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GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED TO SETTLE "CONTINENTAL SHELF

BOUNDARIES" BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE.

2. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF ECEVIT'S ANNOUNCEMENT AS REPORTED  
VERBATIM, WITH INSIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS, IN MILLIYET AND CUMHURİYET  
MAY 26:

" ON THE SUBJECT OF OUR RELATIONS WITH GREECE, PERHAPS TODAY  
YOU HAVE SEEN IN THE PRESS SOME (NES) AGENCY REPORTS THAT  
AROUSE IRRITATION, AROUSE SUSPICION." (NOTE: THIS IS APPARENT  
REFERENCE TO AP STORY IN MAY 25 TURKISH PRESS REPORTING THAT  
GREEK GOVERNMENT ALLEGEDLY HAD TOLD US THAT IT WAS READY TO  
FIGHT TURKEY. GOG DENIAL APPEARED IN MAY 26 MILLIYTE. "IN REALITY  
THERE ARE SOME POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS. ONE OF THESE IS THAT THE  
INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN CYPRUS, WHICH WERE BROKEN OFF SOME TIME  
EARLIER BY THE UNILATERAL DECISION OF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, WILL  
RECOMMENCE JUNE 4.

" THE SECON IS THAT TODAY A NOTE CAME TO ANKARA FROM GREECE.  
ACCORDING TO THIS NOTE, GREECE HAS ACCEPTED THE FIXING, AND  
ESTABLISHING OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THE  
TWO STATES. THUS OUR COUNTRY'S PRINCIPLE OF BRINGING THIS QUESTION  
TO A SOLUTION BY PEACEFUL WAYS AND WITH MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING  
APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN UP BY GREECE. IT IS UNDOUBTEDLY A POSITIVE  
DEVELOPMENT FROM THE STANDPOINT OF CONTINUING THE FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR  
RELATIONS OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES. THE NOTE ON THIS SUBJECT REACHED  
OUR GOVERNMENT THIS MORNING. PROBABLY IT IS NECESSARY NOT  
TO FEEL ANXIETY OVER THE LAST (NEWS) AGENCY REPORTS." (NOTE:  
APPARENTLY THIS REFERENCE ALSO IS TO AP REPORT ON GREEK INTENTIONS.)  
OF COURSE TURKEY ANYHOW IS AS ALWAYS IN A STATE OF READINESS  
AGAINST ANY POSSIBILITY."  
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